- The monitoring of ground water quality is an urgent need to ascertain the status and effect due to episodal pollution. This may be carried out by the industry and CPCB. In the event of deterioration of quality of water in the wells used by the villagers the industry needs to provide drinking water under the supervision of the district authority.

(d) To control the storm water passing through the premises of the industry and entering into village pond, a bund at the cost of the industry was immediately costructed at upstream area to avoid repeatition of such incidence. State Government has also directed to empty the village pond and to make it dry by way of pumping back the water to the factory area. The industry is regularly monitored thereafter to keep watch on control of pollution by the industry.

[Translation]

Development of Spicea etc.

4779. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no development schemes are being formulated in case of spices, coconut and tassar silk in Northern India especially in Bihar which is leading in the production of all these things;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the production of coriander, cumin seeds aniseeds, connamon, turmeric and chillies is also not being taken as business proportion;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any development scheme in this regard in order to turn such production into big business so that the farmers are benefited; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) For development of spices, coconut and tassar silk in Bihar and other potential States in Northern India, following schemes were implemented during 8th Plan :

(1) Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for Development of Spices;

(2) Programmes of the Coconut Development Board, namely, area expansion under coconut and establishment and maintenance of DSP farms and nurseries. The coconut Development Board also has its Regional Centre at Patna in Bihar;

(3) The Central Silk Board supplement the efforts of the State Government in the implementation of various tassar sericulture development programmes in the Northern India including Bihar through creation of necessary infrastructure and also R & D support.

(c) The cultivation of seed spices, such as coriander, cumin and aniseed is taken up mostly by small and marginal farmers.

(d) and (e) The Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for development of Spices is proposed to be continued during 9th Plan. Under this scheme assistance to small and marginal farmers and other weaker sections is proposed to be continued as a promotional measure to increase production and productivity of spices in all potential States/UTs.

[English]

Status of Women

4780. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindu Law Committee has submitted a report on the status of women;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made therein;

(c) whether the Committee was set up to volve a uniform code for the Hindu Law;

(d) if so, its precise constitution and the terms of reference; and

(e) the reaction of the Government on the recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wage Revision of HFCL and FCI

4781. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for denial of Wage revision to the employees of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited and Fertilizer Corporation of India from the due date i.e., w.e.f. 1.1.1992;

(b) whether they have been denied the revision of D.A. rates too;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and